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Public Health Committee
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Dear Distinguished Committee Members,

I am writing to you regarding S.B. No. 477, An Act Concerning the Public Health of Residents of the State and H.B. No. 5397, An Act Declaring Gun Violence a Public Health Crisis and Establishing the Office of Gun Violence Prevention and Advisory Council on Gun Violence Prevention and Intervention. I would like to go on record opposing both of these pieces of legislation.

I do not feel that this legislation will change the illegal acquisition and use of firearms in Connecticut, but will impede on the constitutional rights of Connecticut residents to lawfully purchase and use firearms for sport or defense. A public health crisis? A quick google on the topic states it should meet three criteria: 1) The issue should affect large numbers of people. 2) Health must be threatened over long term, and 3) Adoption of large scale solutions are required. (salud-america.org, June 15, 2020) This is a tactic to have more money from anti-gun groups funneled into their agenda and campaign. As a resident of Connecticut, I do not have a fear of guns, but of the criminals that run rampant among us, and are not arrested and prosecuted for their crimes.

As a Registered Nurse and lawful gun owner, I do not believe that Connecticut has a Public Health Crisis in regards to gun violence. I believe we do have unlawful and criminal residents that resources for policing and justice are in order.

Sincerely,

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